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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII RENEGOTIATIONS -- STATUS

1. WE HAVE SEVERAL RENEGOTIATIONS UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXVIII IN VARYING STAGES OF COMPLETION. IN SOME CASES (AUSTRIA, SWEDEN) COMPLETION AWAITS ACTION BY OTHER STATES, AND, IN SOME CASES (BRAZIL, INDONESIA, SOUTH AFRICA, FINLAND) INSTRUCTIONS ARE NEEDED FROM WASHINGTON. AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND OPERATION OF THE GATT WE URGE THAT WE ATTEMPT TO ACCELERATE US EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THESE NEGOTIATIONS. WE SHOULD AIM TO COMPLETE THEM PRIOR TO THE MTN TIMEFRAME FOR DETAILED TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER NOT TO OVERLAP WITH THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS. THE STATUS OF ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) BRAZIL - A DELEGATION FROM BRAZILIA WILL COME TO GENEVA FOR FIRST ROUND OF RENEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING OCTOBER 24. IN LIGHT OF RECENT ADDITIONAL CHANGES (SEE GENEVA 7081 AND 7660) IN BRAZIL'S GATT SCHEDULE III, WE NEED A  
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REVISED REQUEST LIST. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS AND US REQUEST LIST FOR OCTOBER 24 CONSULTATIONS.

(2) INDONESIA - INDONESIA IS WAITING FOR AN INDICATION OF PRIORITY ITEMS OF INTEREST TO U.S. WASHINGTON HAS ASKED IF ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED IN CONTEXT OF MTN. WE RECOMMEND (SEE SEPTTEL) THAT WE ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE

ARTICLE XXVIII AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID OVERLAP WITH MTN. ACTION REQUESTED: LIST OF U.S. REQUEST LIST FOR SUBMISSION TO INDONESIA.

(3) SOUTH AFRICA - STATUS OF RENEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA PRIOR TO LATEST SA WITHDRAWAL OF TWO FINDINGS IS CONTAINED IN GENEVA 5705. WE HAVE NOTIFIED SA OF US DESIRE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON TWO LATEST ITEMS (OXIDE RESINS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES) AND SA DEL HAS ASKED PRETORIA FOR SA OFFERS FOR COMPENSATION. IN JULY, SCHLECHTY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, INDICATED THAT US COMPENSATORY REQUEST LIST ON BASIS OF EARLIER SA WITHDRAWALS WAS NEARING COMPLETION. ACTION REQUESTED: COMPENSATORY REQUEST LIST FOR TRANSMISSION TO SOUTH AFRICAN DEL.

(4) FINLAND - AT JULY COUNCIL (SEE GENEVA 6335) FINLAND NOTIFIED CHANGES IN IMPORT LEVIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF 1977, AND OF THE FINNISH DESIRE TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS UNDER XXVIII:4 THIS FALL. WE HAVE NOT YET INDICATED TO THE FINNS OUR INTEREST IN RENEGOTIATIONS. ACTION REQUESTED: INDICATION THAT WE DO OR DO NOT WISH TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH FINLAND.

(5) INDIA - IN 1976 INDIA WITHDREW BINDINGS ON SEVERAL TARIFFS (GATT SECRET 232). IN SEPTEMBER WASHINGTON INUNCLASSIFIED

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DICATED WORK WAS PROCEEDING ON REQUEST LIST PENDING RECEIPT OF TRADE STATISTICS (76 STATE 240564). WE HAVE NO RECORD OF ANY ACTION SINCE RECEIPT OF INDIAN TRADE STATISTICS IN DEC 76 (76 GENEVA 9639). ACTION REQUESTED: STATUS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIAN RENEGOTIATIONS.

(6) SWEDEN - SWEDES ARE AWAITING FINAL APPROVAL FROM STOCKHOLM TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON BASIS OF SWEDISH OFFER TO LIMIT DUTIES ON VINYL ACETATE (BTN 29.14.35) AT 9 PERCENT AS COMPENSATION FOR VARIABLE LEVY ON NON-ALCOHOLIC PREPARATIONS (SEE STATE 142611). NO WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED.

(7) AUSTRIA - WE HAVE INITIALED AND EXPECT TO SIGN SOON AN AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRIA ON CATHODE RAY TUBES (EX 85.21-A; SEE GENEVA 4523). WE ARE STILL AWAITING AUSTRIAN RESPONSE ON QUESTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX AND SKI BOOTS (SEE GENEVA 4521). NO WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED THIS TIME.

IN ADDITION TO SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED ABOVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF STATUS OF WASHINGTON PREPARATIONS IN EACH RENEGOTIATION LITED ABOVE AS WELL AS WASHINGTON

TIMETABLE FOR MOVING THESE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD.

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